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Official citation and consideration of all the attached documents is requested.

Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP § 609] with the next communication.

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